

COMPOSITE FIBROUS SUBSTRATES
HAVING PROTEIN SHEATHS

Abstract of the Invention

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The present invention is directed to a method for treating a synthetic, man-made or natural fiber substrate to create a permanently attached protein sheath around each fiber of the substrate. Such a treatment gives a composite substrate that exhibits the most desirable characteristics of the fiber core coupled with the most desirable characteristics of the protein sheath. It is also possible to

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apply this technology to individual synthetic fibers or yarns, if desired, before weaving, knitting, stitch-bonding or other method of woven or non-woven substrate formation.